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ELECTION REQUIREMENT PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. 121

Dear Sir:

This response addresses the Election/Restriction requirement dated March 31, 2004 with respect to the above-identified patent application. Applicants elect, with traverse, to proceed with claims 1-13 of Group I and Species E as identified by the Election/Restriction requirement. Applicants believe that at least claims 1-13 read on the species identified above.

If the Examiner has any questions with respect to this communication, the Examiner is kindly urged to call the undersigned.

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